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Herald of Holiness

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

April 20, 1955

A Sunday Evening Prayer

General Superintendent Young

OUR HEAVENLY Father, go with us tonight as we journey to Thy house for another gospel meeting. Our assignment is to preach Thy Word. We know the deliverance it brings. Enable us to make this an evangelistic service indeed. Our sense of personal need and inadequacy grows as the zero hour of service nears. Help us to preach for a verdict tonight. Give us faith as well as earnestness.

These faces that confront us represent all ages and varied walks of life. But their needs are similar. Be pleased to give us their attention, but forbid that we should yield to trifling entertainment. Thy truth is reliable, eternal. Let all men know that God is in our midst tonight. The issues of this present life loom big with cares and problems. Let the Spirit's sword of truth penetrate the veneer of current opinion. Show these mortal men that Thou hast made them for two worlds. Make this an hour of personal redemption for those in the valley of decision.

We pray especially for these young people in their stormy adolescent years. So full of life they are and at times so reckless. Some want to take their fling, for the glamour of the world has deceived them. Help us to draw back the curtain of sin's false show and reveal death lurking in the

shadows. Enable us to point them to that ancient Cross on Golgotha's brow as the hope of their deliverance.

Some will attend tonight with cold and bitter hearts. Their code of ethics is formally correct, but they are cynical within. They have no song. Melt their hearts until their heads shall bow and their knees bend.

Make our words pointed and appropriate, but save us from the condescending manner and the bitter note. Speak to that man who has not heard Thy voice for many days; his sins have hid Thy face. Let Thy Spirit penetrate his darkness tonight and give him another chance. Speak to him once more in accents clear and plain.

Bring hope to that woman who is black with despair. Thou dost know the unhealed sorrow of her heart. Let Thy love be the answer to this mystery of pain and loss.

Send conviction to men's hearts, one by one. May none be slighted tonight. Let the true word of reconciliation be preached by these human lips, but anoint them with divine power. May this humble altar be the place for penitential tears and shouts of victory. Let heaven itself rejoice tonight.

Oh, come with us, we pray!

In His name. Amen.

TELEGRAMS

Y a k i m a, Washington—Workshops and clinics held by Dr. Erwin G. Benson and Rev. Lyle K. Potter, and also the annual Sunday-school convention in which they were guest speakers, gave Northwest District the greatest Sunday-school enthusiasm in its history. The largest number of Christian Service Training credits ever earned in any one year have been reported. Dr. E. E. Zachary, capable administrator and godly leader, zealously promotes every phase of the district work.—**J. PAUL DOWNEY, District Church School Board Chairman.**

Kankakee, Illinois—Chicago First Church is experiencing victorious days in her fifty-first year. There is an aggressive evangelistic spirit within the church. Visitation program is very rewarding. Several outstanding miracles of God's grace witnessed. Recently 100 new persons joined members at communion table; 36 joined the church, and 72 joined last year. Dr. C. B. Strang, pastor, given three-year recall by excellent vote. Bennett Dudley doing solid work as minister of Christian education. Chicago Central District experienced an outstanding year in 1954; reports indicate that 1955 will be better. Chicago Austin, Wilford Vanderpool, pastor, dedicated lovely sanctuary March 20, with Dr. D. I. Vanderpool speaker. Chicago South Shore, Willard Taylor, pastor, plans dedication May 1, with Dr. Hugh C. Benner speaker. Kankakee College Church building making rapid progress with L. Guy Nees as pastor. We praise God for spirit of revival, missionary emphasis, Crusade for Souls campaign, and material progress.—**MARK S. MOORE, Superintendent of Chicago Central District.**

Santa Cruz, California—New church organized at Atwater, California, with 27 adult charter members in closing service of revival. Evangelist Sammy Sparks and Rushing Family donated their services to this home-mission campaign. Rev. Orvil Seago and people of Merced church enthusiastically supported meeting with prayer, money, and members. Bright prospects for strong church.—**GEORGE COULTER, Superintendent of Northern California District.**

NEWS IN BRIEF

Word from the office of Nazarene Theological Seminary, as of April 4, reported 2,292 envelopes received, with total offering of \$11,612.72 for the Landscape Fund.

Rev. J. Edmond Turnock has resigned as pastor of the church in Rio Grande, New Jersey, to accept call to pastor First Church in Wilmington, Delaware. If any of the readers have friends in the Wilmington area or at the New Castle Jet Air Station, you may contact Brother Turnock at 2704 New Road, Wilmington 5, Delaware.

The Palouse, Washington, Church of the Nazarene had the privilege of honoring its grand old couple, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tempero, on Sunday, March 13; they were married sixty-five years on March 18. They are now in their eighty-ninth and eighty-fourth years. A brief story of their married lives, tributes, songs, and presentation of an anniversary cake comprised the program. All five of their children are living and were present, as well as many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Brother and Sister Tempero, pioneers in this area, have been pioneers in the Church of the Nazarene also. They have been the most faithful attendants at prayer services since Brother Tempero's miraculous recovery from a stroke more than two years ago. In their home they have more than read the entire Bible through, aloud, each year. They are "bearing fruit in old age"; and much interested in the new Sunday-school and church building being constructed now for the generations to come. We thank God for this inspirational couple.—**Carl T. Lindbloom, pastor.**

... Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen (Rev. 1:5-6).

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DEEPENING
The CHURCH
Through Prayer Groups
"Prayer Changes Things"

THE OBJECTIVE of the Crusade for Souls Now is revival. For the past few years considerable emphasis has been placed upon personal and visitation evangelism as a prerequisite for revival. This is true, but it does not nullify the fact that revivals begin in prevailing prayer. Some churches have secured the best evangelists, advertised a meeting well, engaged in door-to-door solicitation for attendance, announced cottage prayer meetings, and then failed to see the kind of revival they earnestly desired. What was missing? It takes travail of spirit to see souls born into the Kingdom. The Holy Spirit can break down prejudice, pride, and other barriers, and convict of sin, when the church prays through.

Our pastors and evangelists have always emphasized prayer. Perhaps, however, we have never fully realized the value of united prayer. Our mid-week prayer meetings are limited in the time that can be spent in prayer and the number who can participate by leading in prayer. The prayer group gives opportunity for united, concentrated prayer.

Every church needs this added spiritual strength that can be achieved through group praying. Such groups are not organized, in the usual sense of the word, but a voluntary response to a need in the life of the church. Meetings are held regularly, usually weekly. Humility must be the attitude of all who participate, for each has come to seek God's will and His victory in the church, rather than to teach others. The Bible is the basis for these meetings, and is used in group sharing and seeking, but the major emphasis is upon prayer.

Your church needs one or more prayer groups of this kind. The world has the right to expect the supernatural of those who claim a supernatural experience. You can achieve the supernatural in your church through prayer.—**ALPIN P. BOWES.**

Lord, help us to refrain from measuring the depth of burden we may feel for some lost soul by the degree of personal esteem felt for that person.—**MARY SANDERS.**

A Dangerous Heresy

By C. W. Butler

WE ARE exhorted in the Word of God to "buy the truth, and sell it not." Again the Master pronounced the great principle which applies in all realms of life, namely, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). In every realm error brings bondage, while truth sets men free.

All error is dangerous. Some errors are damnable. There is a very widespread heresy within the bounds of Christendom today, embraced by many sincere people, yet when taken advantage of by any individual is utterly damnable. I refer to the doctrine of the perseverance of the saints, or often referred to as "eternal security." This doctrine in its logical conclusion makes the atonement of Christ, not an adequate remedy for sin, but rather a license to sin.

This error utterly frustrates the grace of God, which it claims to honor. To hold that men, once they are born again, can return to a life of sin, and practice now as children of God the sins which nailed Christ to the cross is a fearful doctrine. It teaches men that they can indulge in sins which if committed before they believed in Jesus would separate them from God forever, and do so without danger of eternal damnation. Indeed the devil must revel in glee over such an error.

I have in mind a concrete example. A man steeped in sin, a habitual drunkard, like the man who was full of leprosy, came to a spiritual church in an Ohio town where he fell under powerful conviction and was gloriously converted. He walked in the light and was filled with the Spirit. He had a burning testimony and a boundless enthusiasm for Christ. He was used of God in reaching many others. He lived for many years in this kind of victory and usefulness. Later, through the influence of some members of his family, he made the mistake of leaving his spiritual home and, to please a loved one, united with a formal and liberal church in another part of the town. He stayed there long enough so that when he finally returned to his true church home he was changed. The fire burned low or was out. As time went on he backslid completely, forsook the church, and returned to the old life of sin; drink got him. I'll make a long story short; he died chained to his bed with delirium tremens. The Bible says that no drunkard shall enter the kingdom of Heaven, yet according to the outstanding representatives of the doctrine of eternal security, he was as sure of heaven as anyone who remained faithful unto death and won the crown of life.

These exponents of this damnable heresy in answer to questions, in broadcasting over the air in several cities of our nation, have so declared themselves within comparatively recent times.

Indeed, these promoters of this doctrine often warn those who are again living in sin that if they do not do better God will remove them from this world and take them to heaven, because they are of no value to Him here. Two hundred years ago John Fletcher wrote his famous *Checks* because this error was rampant in England at that time.

Promoters of this false view are credited by some superficial observers as being very evangelical. They are extolled as doing much more than any others to reach men for God. I fear the truth is, even with the best of them, that they are very weak in their effectiveness. You seldom hear them calling men to seek the Lord. Their emphasis is to accept the Lord, or to make a decision for Christ. They are to do this with the understanding that their salvation was all finished on the cross, and they are thereby rendered secure in the gift of eternal life. This is a very different procedure from calling men to a *genuine* repentance which issues in their not simply accepting something done for them on the cross, but seeking that for which provision was made on the cross. Because of this God works in them that salvation which is a remedy for their sin. Then if they remain faithful unto death through continued obedience, they will receive the crown of life.

When that for which Christ made provision on the cross is made real in response to true faith, God does something in the receiving subject which changes his life here and now. There is in justification an imputing of righteousness, and there is also through faith an imparting of the gift of righteousness. This gift establishes a reign of righteousness through grace which produces a life of inwrought holiness. This in turn saves unto obedience and the building a character which shall stand the test of the revelation of God in the last time. If ye "die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come"—Christ. Amen, and Amen!

HE WHISPERS TO ME

By W. Everett Henry

*He whispers to me in the silence
Of a moment of inward prayer,
When earth and its ties become feeble,
And heaven grows wondrously fair.*

*He whispers to me in the hubbub
Of the city's proliferous life;
He strengthens my soul for the conflict
That threatens my peace with its strife.*

*He whispers to me when I worship
With His people assembled in praise;
He tells me the blessings there present
Are but foretastes of heaven's rich days.*



Have you wondered about all the references in the *HERALD* concerning June 5? We hoped you would, because this is a very special day in the history of the Church of the Nazarene—the first general church offering ever taken for Church Extension. By action of the General Board and the Board of General Superintendents, Sunday, June 5, has been set for a great offering throughout the church to enlarge our present revolving fund for church-building loans.

These funds will be available for moderate-sized loans for periods up to ten years, to be repaid by monthly payments. Thus your money continually revolves. It will be building Nazarene churches over and over again. The fund is safeguarded by a wise regulation adopted by the General Board.

In many places our churches have been unable to borrow from commercial lending agencies because of inadequate church buildings. The work of God has stood still. These funds will meet that need.

Please, please, let every Nazarene remember to give liberally for this crying need on June 5. Will you pray about it? Do what the Lord directs you to do. Thank you.—Roy F. SMEE, *Executive Secretary*, Department of Home Missions and Evangelism.

"I Thank My God"

By H. H. Smith*

"I thank my God" (I Cor. 1:4), "We are bound to give thanks alway to God" (II Thess. 2:13), and "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Eph. 1:3), are Paul's favorite expressions of thanksgiving in writing to the churches he founded. It is an interesting and helpful study to note the things concerning his converts for which Paul was deeply grateful.

To the Christians at Rome he wrote: "First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world" (Rom. 1:8). Paul was a Christian strategist and knew the importance of planting the

gospel in the populous centers. That Christianity should have taken root in imperial Rome—so hostile to such a spiritual faith as Christianity—was enough to move the Apostle to profound thanksgiving to God.

When Paul wrote to the church at Corinth he expressed thanksgiving for the grace of God which had been given them in Jesus Christ, and for the spiritual enrichment Christianity had brought to their lives. What Christianity did for the Corinthians can be appreciated only when we remember how notoriously wicked was the city of Corinth in Paul's day. It has been said that we should have to consume all the vice and sin of the worst cities of the world today to equal the evils of Corinth at that day. Bearing in mind what the gospel had accomplished in the wicked metropolis, no wonder Paul rapturously cried out: "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift" (II Cor. 9:15).

Turning to the church at Ephesus, Paul exultantly praised God, who "hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: . . . hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love" (Eph. 1:3-4). And he adds that this high calling of God in Christ brings us into the family of God and we become His children. To bring pagans out of darkness into the glorious light of the gospel and see them transformed by the mighty power of Christ is enough to make one exultantly praise God.

His beloved Philippians—the only church for which he seems to have had no word of rebuke—moved him to write: "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, . . . for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now; being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Phil. 1:3-6). In the secret of a happy Christian life, which Paul gives the Philippians, thanksgiving finds a place. Briefly it is this: Worry about nothing; pray about everything; in everything give thanks.

To the Colossians Paul writes: "We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints, for the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel" (Col. 1:3-5). Their love for the brethren of the faith was proof enough that their profession was genuine, for the Master had said: "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" (John 13:35).

Paul thanked God for the "work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope" (I Thess. 1:3) among the Thessalonian Christians, who "received the word of God . . . not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe" (I Thess. 2:13). And he rejoiced that the gospel "came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much

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assurance" (I Thess. 1:5). That the report of their conversion was widespread was also occasion for thanksgiving. "From you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad" (I Thess. 1:8). In his second letter to this church, Paul says: "We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, . . . so that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure" (II Thess. 1:3-4).

No wonder that Paul was continually sending forth praise and thanksgiving to God. He saw a world lying in wickedness, without hope and without God—but he saw more. He saw the gospel of Christ prove to be the power of God unto salvation, and from the darkness of heathenism came forth a church composed of sincere followers of the Lord, growing in grace and becoming more and more Christlike in character. As we survey the Church of God throughout the world today, what Christian virtues are being produced that give us cause for thanksgiving to God?



**From the empty tomb
to the Upper Room**

EASTER TO PENTECOST

APRIL 10 - MAY 29

- Forming Prayer Groups
- Ingathering of Souls
- Observing Pentecost

On the Day of Pentecost a great many were added to the church. We have the record in the Book of Acts. The early disciples were not willing to remain small and glory in their "spirituality." They felt the urgency of the Great Commission, and in the strength of the Holy Spirit thousands were added to the Church on a single day.

Pentecost Sunday is the most appropriate day in the year for the reception of new members in the Church of the Nazarene. If every church receives at least one new member, it will be a greater day than the first Pentecost Sunday, when 3,000 joined the Church! For many of our churches this will be the last important day for the reception of members to count in the statistics of this quadrennium. Let us make it truly a Pentecost.

THE GENERAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

I'm Going to Be a Holiness Preacher

By Kenneth G. Rowlett*

THE SCENE was just outside the vestibule of the church of another denomination. The persons involved were a leader of this church and myself. The time was about three years ago, for I was graduating from the university and hoped to be enrolling soon at a theological seminary. So I approached this district superintendent with this question, "Which seminary of our church would you recommend for me to attend?" (They have several.) He, knowing that I preached Bible holiness, responded with this answer, "Well, Kenneth, you have got to make up your mind whether you are going to be a holiness preacher or a _____ [and he named here his denominational church] preacher." Appealing to God's Word, to the annals of sacred thought, and even to the theology of his own church, I immediately reminded him that his answer was inconsistent. He had to give theoretical assent to my rebuttal. But the very practical fact remained that his church, for the most part, had succumbed to popular opinion and to the whims of the time, and no longer taught, preached, experienced, or lived holiness. There was no equivocation in his answer, but after praying through I decided to preach holiness. Now I am at Nazarene Theological Seminary and my heart is filled with praise to God for enabling me to come.

The conversation referred to above never really taught me anything I didn't already know. Yet I was reminded afresh of the tremendous gap which exists between real holiness churches and liberalism; and regardless of what is said about liberalism turning back to New Testament Christianity, the fact remains that liberalism is still exceedingly liberal and far from asking for the "old paths."

The plenary inspiration of both the Old and New Testaments, the Virgin Birth, the deity of Christ, His atoning death and blood, His resurrection, and Pentecost all are yet scoffed at by the majority of liberals. Let's be kind in our relationship toward them, but let us not fool ourselves into detrimental compromise and spiritual indolence.

One eventful Sunday morning about five years ago, I made my complete consecration to Christ, and—even as He promised—He sent the Holy Ghost in baptizing fire to my soul. Pentecost became personal. Holiness—God's holiness—entered my heart. So when God called me to preach, could I do less than preach the best experience I ever had in life? So, I know not what course others may take; but as for me, praise God forever, I am going to be a holiness preacher—a real, old-fashioned, Bible, Wesleyan, holiness preacher.

*Kansas City, Missouri

INWARD ASSURANCE

By Alice W. Norton

*There is no fear within my heart
Of what may lie ahead—
When this gay spirit I possess
Is numbered with the dead—
Since on life's ever-changing road
I've learned to understand
One's never far away from God
Who wills to hold His hand.*

I Will Send My Children to College

By Rachel McMahon*

A FEW years ago my husband and I were students in a Nazarene college. Now, although our little girl will only enter kindergarten this fall, and our son is still in the high-chair stage, we are planning and looking forward to the day when they will enter college.

As every parent wishes the best for his child, so we wish for our children the enriching knowledge, the training for the future, and the social development that a college education brings. But how we would shudder to think that this higher education would come from professors who deny Christ and the Bible and ridicule young people who believe in them, to think it would come in an environment of friends and social contacts whose every influence is in the opposite direction to the Christian principles which they have learned!

The college years hold many decisions for a young person, whether or not he enters college as a Christian. His occupational choice, his decision as to a moral standard, of a life's direction, still lie ahead and must be made during these impressionable years. In our denominational college, young people will find a consecrated group of professors with time for the individual student and an interest beyond the classroom. They will find friends, social contacts, sports; Christian standards are the norm rather than the exception. They will find education of high academic standards, and yet be taught that faith is basic to science and philosophy.

If college be such a vital factor in determining whether the faith of a Christian youth will be strengthened and guided that he may become a mature, useful adult, or whether this faith will become warped or lost, how much more important it may be for the youth who enters college not as a Christian and having, perhaps, little or no Christian background! What a responsibility this places upon parents! At all costs, I will send my children to a Nazarene college!

*Pastor's Wife, Sun Valley, Calif.

LET US WATCH!

By Charles C. Powers*

MODERN youth is living in an era of vigilance. Our young men and women are urged to join the armed forces in order that they might keep watch for the forces of tyranny. New bombers and fighters are outfitted with the latest radar equipment that enables our men to be the watchmen of democracy. Men in our government are realizing that if we are to match our might against communism we must ever be vigilant. Here in Alaska there was evidence of activity as our armed forces prepared for Operation Snowbird, in order to test the watchfulness of our defenses in our most northern frontier. In the Fairbanks area, recently, one of our civilian defense officials warned the community that they were not prepared for an enemy attack and that our alertness was sadly lacking. He declared that it was no secret that Russian medium bombers were but one hundred minutes from Fairbanks, and he pleaded for watchfulness and warned of destruction if we were unprepared.

It seems logical that along with all the exhortation to preparedness by military and civil defense organizations we of the Church need to be warned to watch. Jesus himself cried out in His last days, "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh." How easy it is for the people of this rushing atomic age to dash on in the business of working in the church, of doing good for others, of administering the affairs of men, and yet be neglectful in their inner watchfulness! Yes, we need to be about our Father's business; but while we accomplish these things it is necessary to keep our eyes on that Biblical promise that Christ is soon coming to take His bride away.

We know not the day nor the hour of His coming but we can be *watching in prayer*. In this age of activity many of us are guilty of neglecting our prayer life. We have failed to keep watch in the night hours while souls have slipped through our grasp. What would be the outcome if we would revive the all-night prayer meetings and days of prayer in every church? The result would be a revival that would sweep our beloved Zion. Revivals in our day are going to be born through travail in prayer—not just a pausing for a few moments each day but praying until the answer comes in power.

We know not the day nor the hour of His coming, but we can be *watching by continually searching our hearts*. The gait of the world has caused many of us to neglect the development of the art of meditation. Even Isaac found time to meditate on the things of God on the verge of his wedding day. We need to search our motives to see if they coincide with the teachings of Christ and His

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Word. We must diligently search the Scriptures to note what new light God would give us, for God has not called us to the works of darkness but to the light of holiness. We are living in an era when men would entice us to tear down the standard of the Bible and holiness, but let us watch and pray and lift high the standard of Christ until God comes to us with a visitation of His Spirit. God desires to give us a revival in our day, and He will, if we watch!

"WHEN HE IS COME!"

By Paul Martin*

OH, THAT I could have seen His face when He said, with such feeling, "And when he is come." I'm sure it glowed with unusual light. His expression of face and word had everything in it: the longing look of a sweetheart-wife for her returning soldier, for it will be all right when he returns; the confidence of a shepherd, alone with wolves, as help draws near; the longing look of a Texas rancher scanning the sky for rain; the loving look of my Lord, telling with joy of the coming of the Comforter.

Yes, it is all in there, and more. For when He is come, the loneliness of the struggle is over; the wolves of the inner fight lie silent and dead; the fresh, strength-giving rain nourishes the dry ground; the hustle and bustle of spiritual optimism is in the air, and Jesus is so much more real!

I think He could see something else that must have lifted Him too, gave His eyes that precious light. He could see His Church, now just a group of worried workers, molded into a valiant, fighting band of warriors, loving warriors of the Cross. He could see confused, meandering men turned into valiant fighters, patient sufferers, soul seekers. I would like to think Jesus said to himself: "When the Comforter comes, this bickering little band will be the core of a rapidly growing society of concerned men for the lost. I can see them now, turning towns upside down, storming even the strongholds of Satan high and low. I will make them My Church, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Then, they will know Me, as I have longed for them to know Me. When He is come!"

And this is my prayer—sent from a waiting, hungry heart: "As of old, dear Lord, it all works well, when He is come! Come in power to Thy Church today. Come in cleansing and might to these new souls our crusade has reached. Come in glory and blessing to our services. Come to this preacher with fresh anointing, and liberty. Come, Holy Spirit, come! *For all is well when He is come!*"

*Nazarene Evangelist

When the peace of God rules in the heart, happiness reigns in the home.—ALBERT F. HARPER.



Saving Money or Saving Souls!

As I see it, the question facing the church on June 5 is, Will we save our money, or will we, through our gifts, save immortal souls? That is the real meaning of this Church Extension offering, for it will make possible the establishment of new Nazarene churches which will be characterized year after year by a program of holiness evangelism. The offering should have the prayerful attention and support of all superintendents, pastors, and laymen.—GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT HARDY C. POWERS.

ACTION Versus FEELING

By Mrs. Nota McCall*

ONE OF the problems that affect not only new converts but older Christians as well is the relation of "feeling" and "works" in Christian experience. Jesus' words to His disciples at the Transfiguration seem to me to be a clue to His attitude concerning this subject.

"And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid" (Matt. 17:7). Note that Jesus here puts action ahead of feeling. First, the command, "Arise"; then, "Be not afraid."

What would happen if 275,000 Nazarenes took this as a motto for 1955?

Think:

Action before feeling—in maintaining our faith.

Action before feeling—in attendance at all services of the church.

Action before feeling—in prayer life.

Action before feeling—in the Crusade for Souls.

The result, perhaps, would be the same as it was for the three disciples, for we read, "And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only."

What a glorious thought! Action before feeling brings a faith so strong that all objects—people, money, problems, fears, everything that hinders our effective service—are removed from our vision. We, too, see Jesus only!

Let us "arise, and be not afraid."

*Kansas City, Mo.

There IS a price to be paid—

To Keep Victory

By C. W. Davis*

RECENTLY a friend of mine in giving his testimony said, "I am determined to pay the price to keep the victory." I was impressed with his testimony. It is not unusual to hear people speak of paying the price to get victory—to be converted or sanctified—but this brother went further and said, "I'm determined to pay the price to keep the victory." He knew there was a price to pay. There is not only an experience of victory to be received, but there is a *life of constant victory* for us if we will pay the daily price for it. Those who have fought the good fight of faith and made it through to heaven have been those who had this determination.

Many have failed at this point. Paul said to the Galatians, "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ" (Gal. 1:16). And again—"I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain" (Gal. 4:11).

Jesus paid the great price on Calvary for our salvation. The Holy Ghost is promised and is available to every Christian who will obey and receive Him. But let us know and remember that if we are to keep constant victory, there is a price for us to pay daily.

Some things are essential if we are to be victorious Christians. Let us notice a few of them.

Prayer: If we are to be spiritual, growing Christians we must take time for prayer. To nourish the physical body we deem it necessary to take time daily for regular meals. It is no less important that we have regular times for waiting upon God in prayer, that we may receive spiritual nourishment for the spiritual man. We are all busy; too busy, perhaps! Pleasure, work, problems, rush, hurry, nerve strain! Yes, but if we are going to make a success of our religion, we had better settle it now that we are going to let nothing crowd out our devotional life; and we are going to set aside a portion of our time for prayer. It is first in importance. Failure here is where many start on the road to backsliding.

Reading the Bible: I heard Rev. Leo C. Davis say, "If our people will read the Bible consistently every day, we will not have much backsliding." Great and powerful Christians have devoted much time to the reading and study of their Bibles.

Mind the things of the Spirit: Seek the things of the Spirit. Pray and seek to be spiritually minded. "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, . . . Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth" (Col. 3:1-2). Walk in all the light that comes to you. Mind the promptings and

obey the checks of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Ghost within us will be very faithful to prompt, check, and guide us; and if we are attentive and obedient to His tender voice and leadings, we will not miss the way.

Guard against compromise: Satan will appear as an angel of light to deceive us, if possible. We live in a day of awful compromise! Many people today are not walking in the light that God once gave them. Some people around us who profess a good state of grace, who are prominent and influential, may say things, do things, wear things, go places, condone things, take attitudes, desecrate the Sabbath, be careless and even questionable in their lives. But the Holy Spirit within us will not allow us to follow them or their example. God will give us light and convictions that we must obey if we are to keep victory. Amen!

We are to live holy lives both positively and negatively. Our Christ loved righteousness and hated iniquity. "Denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world" (Tit. 2:4). To look at the cold, careless, prayerless, worldly church people around us ought to drive us to our Bibles and to God in prayer.

Thank God, we can enjoy full salvation, walk in the light, read our Bibles, be faithful in our praying, refuse to compromise, and live daily with the blessing of God upon our lives. The Apostle Peter writes about being "kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time" (I Pet. 1:5). The Apostle Paul with a glowing faith, optimism, and testimony said in Romans, chapter eight, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 8:35-39).

"Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen" (Jude 24-25).

If you are a Christian, you will *know* it—and *show* it. No, it is not necessary for you to carry a sign saying, "I am a Christian," but there will be revealed through your life those qualities that identify you with Christ.—S. T. LUDWIG.

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The Maternity of Calvary

By E. Wayne Stahl

*I am thinking today of my wonderful mother,
Of the pain she endured in giving to me
My physical life, which belongs to no other;
Immense is my love for her, vast as the sea.
And so I believe, with love deep as the ocean,
No sacrifice ever were too great to repay
That dear one for all the transcendent devotion
She was showing for me on maternity day.*

*There is One who has suffered far more than a
mother,
That spiritual life might be given to me;
In agonized love there could not be another—
It is Jesus, who died on the Golgotha tree.
By His death I have life, as sweet Rachel, in dying,
Gave life to her son, on a sorrowful day,
dim. (1)
Constrained by Christ's love, on His rich grace
relying,
My life for His cause I surrender to Him!*

(1) See Gen. 35:16-18

Negatives Are Not Enough

By Forrest E. Ladd*

"Card playing is incompatible with [our] way of life. Card playing gives people a light-minded attitude . . . Arguments arising during card games spoil the nature and character of people, and arguments lead often to fights, even murder. Furthermore, card playing is harmful to health because it is usually accompanied by heavy smoking and often ends in drinking."

Does the above quotation seem familiar to you? Do you agree with its ideas? Does it sound as though it could easily have been taken from a sermon? Probably you will be inclined to say, "Yes," to these questions. So too would the editors of the Soviet publication *Young Communist*, for that is the source of the quotation.

God's people always have been distinctive in their refusal to indulge in many entertainments and amusements of the world. This steadfast refusal has been one of the things which has marked them as different from the unregenerate. But also they have been distinctive in their eagerness to affirm and to practice the Christian principles which the sinner scorns.

It is not enough simply to *avoid evil*; Christians must, in addition, be *positive in their goodness*. This truth is emphasized by the similarities and differences of the attitude of the Communist and the Nazarene toward this particular form of amusement. Both groups emphasize the evils involved and the avoidance of them, but in a far more important respect an impassable gulf of

difference lies between them. One does so in order to promote a godless, unrighteous, and materialistic way of life; the other in order to advance a godly, righteous, and spiritual way of life.

Christians must be different from the world in more than the negative aspects of life. We must be different in our positive goodness or we can give no answer to Jesus' question, "What do ye more than others?"

Through the Storm and Above It

By C. W. Elkins*

I PULLED my seat belt a little tighter as the captain checked the engines. I was aboard Eastern Airline's flight 571 at Birmingham, Mobile-bound after speaking at an upstate N.Y.P.S. rally. The clouds were low—it was raining hard. The engines roared and within seconds we were air-borne. The earth was quickly blotted from sight as the "Silver Falcon" climbed into the dark clouds of wind and rain. Was I afraid? No! Why?

For one thing, Eastern Airlines is recognized as one of the best and has a wonderful safety record. Over 34,400,000 passengers had flown Eastern safely before I came aboard. It's mighty proud of its record and jealous of it too! I talked to the captain and learned that he was no novice, but a veteran of twenty-four years. That really helped me. So, I made a commitment! I put my trust in Eastern, their crew and equipment, reached for a pillow, and went to sleep.

Was the trip rough? Some of it, but I long ago learned that not every road you travel in life will be smooth. After a good nap I was thrilled to see that we were flying above the storm. My soul was exhilarated. The plane took me through the storm and above it!

I talked with the Lord as the plane ate up the miles, and He reminded me of *His glorious record for piloting in storms*. I remembered that He had brought the honored president of Eastern Airlines (Mr. Rickenbacker) through some storms on the heaving bosom of the Pacific a few years ago. Who can excel the safety record of our God? I knew that He was jealous of that record and that His promises guarantee that it will not be blemished. He keeps securely those who make a commitment. Sometimes He pilots through the darkest of storms, but then assures us that He knoweth how to deliver and will never leave nor forsake us. He promises to be by our side when we pass through the waters, to keep the rivers from overflowing us, and to bring us through the fire unharmed. Praise God! By His all-sufficient grace we can go through the storm; and more than that, we can rise above the storm and shout that we are more than conquerors through Him! Glory!

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TO KEEP OUR NATION FREE

By Anna M. Gilleland

To keep our nation brave and free
Let men their prayers unite,
That every need will be supplied,
That God will give us faith and light
Amidst the tumults of the day,
The darkness of the hour,
And keep our thinking centered on
His love and grace and power.
When man abandons self and sin
The Lord will heal his land,
Forgive him of his waywardness,
And lead him by the hand.

Do YOU Claim to Be Perfect?

By Wendell Wellman*

"Do you mean that you claim to be perfect?" she asked. We were discussing membership in the Church of the Nazarene. We had come to the *Manual* statement regarding entire sanctification. Her Calvinistic background became strikingly evident as we discussed this phase of our doctrine.

I went away asking myself, "Just what do we mean by perfection?" I had tried to explain it to her; I needed to face anew the question in my own thinking. Wherein could we consistently admit imperfection, and wherein must we insist on perfection? I had explained to her that we did not claim nor demand *perfection of performance*, but that we did insist on the possibility of *perfection of purpose*. Was I right?

Does entire sanctification guarantee *perfect performance*? To insist that it does forces the conclusion that those who profess such an experience are either *woefully deluded* or *willfully deceitful*—for we lack any evidence of perfect performance! Why? The explanation is simple: Entire sanctification does not touch many of the *causes* of imperfect performance.

The experience of holiness does not alter one's *intelligence*. If your IQ was 120 before you were sanctified, it did not jump suddenly to 130 after you were sanctified. Our mental potentialities are a part of our basic humanity, and are not necessarily affected by divine grace. If, then, we have something less than perfect mentality, and if one's performance is linked in part to his mentality—and who would suggest otherwise?—is not perfect performance an impossibility in this life? Can *perfect judgment* flow from an imperfect mind? You can be *sanctified* and still be *mistaken* occasionally! This will be news to some folks!

Entire sanctification does not guarantee *physical perfection*. Holiness does not straighten

crooked limbs, cure heart disease, or even prevent the common cold! Thus, if one's health is a factor in his performance—and there is no gainsaying this fact—is not perfect performance ruled out? "We have this treasure in earthen vessels" (II Cor. 4:7).

And yet we teach perfection! Perfection in what? The only scriptural answer is *perfection in purpose*. When "the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost," one's only purpose in life is to do the will of God. This is the "perfect love" of which John speaks. This is the perfection which Jesus demands in Matt. 5:48. A careful reading of the Sermon on the Mount makes one fact crystal-clear: Jesus placed the stress, not on a man's *performance*, but on his *purpose*! The Pharisees performed well, but their purposes were wrong. Their prayers were marked by *scintillating intonation* but they lacked *sanctified intention*! God is interested only in the latter!

What is the perfection we teach? It is not perfect performance, since such is inconsistent with imperfect minds and imperfect bodies. It is rather that perfect purpose which flows inevitably from a purified heart. Perfect performance will remain an impossibility until "this corruptible . . . put on incorruption, and this mortal . . . put on immortality" (I Cor. 15:53). But perfection in purpose will bring *progress in performance* as we move toward that blessed day. "Let us go on unto perfection."

STORY IN THE WIND

By Dorothy Boone Kidney*

THE SKY is weeping its long tears tonight; and the wind is sobbing outside my window. I can hear the wind walking the faraway hill and crying as it climbs. And its cry is like a long, slow train whistle in the night. The fire in my snug house is warm, but on the hill beyond the river the wind is crying. And I remember Jesus. He sat on a hill and looked down on the town of Jerusalem and He cried tears into the wind as He said, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, . . . how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!" (Matt. 23:37.)

Tonight the wind cries over the land; and the sky weeps against my window. I hear the wind walking the streets of the town. I hear it on my roof. There's a story in the wind tonight. The wind is saying, "Come unto Jesus, all ye who are weary and heavy-laden, and He will give you rest." Jesus is in heaven tonight, but the wind has picked up the sound of His low weeping and is crying in the darkness—for Jesus is still interested in the souls of men. He is still saying, "How often would I have gathered you!" Oh, there's a story in the wind tonight!

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Are YOU a D.K.?

By John Lambert*

MANY people hold degrees in our country today; and education is becoming very common. A few years ago only a few had the means to attend our schools of higher learning.

I wonder how many people are holding a D.K. (Doctor of Kindness) degree. I remember how kind my teachers were in the Nazarene college I attended. They were praying teachers. They prayed for their pupils. My pastor held a D.K. degree. He loved God and had love in his heart for people; he was loved by all who knew him, because he was a kind person.

"And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you" (Eph. 4:32).

In Matthew 18, we read about a man who begged for kindness. He owed a great sum and was unable to pay. He fell down and worshiped, and said, "Have patience with me, and I will pay

thee all." The lord of the servant had compassion and loosed him and forgave him of his debt; yet the servant went out and grasped a fellow servant by the throat to collect a small sum. Kindness was working here only on one end.

We must be kind—receiving and giving in a Christlike spirit. Being kind would be to boost Christ up. The Good Samaritan was kind. He took time to save a beaten man from dying. He was kind enough to pay the man's hotel bill and was kind enough to visit him. Kindness goes beyond getting people saved; surely kindness is keeping people saved.

Surely visitation is kindness. This week I called in a home where the man had been bedfast for eight years. I visited with him and prayed before leaving. His words as I went out the door were, "Come sooner next time."

Every Nazarene should hold a D.K. degree. Kindness will win people to the Lord. The sanctified heart is a tender heart. The Holy Spirit lives within the heart that is sanctified, that is kind.

Kindness is what makes your church.

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HOME MISSIONS and EVANGELISM

Overseas Notes

REV. AND Mrs. W. A. Jordan and family have returned to the States from the Canal Zone, on account of Mrs. Jordan's health, for which prayer has been requested. It seemed that she did not improve as long as she remained in that climate. The Jordans may be reached by mail, % Mr. Toney Benton, 3121 Powell Street, Ashland, Kentucky. We request continued prayer on Mrs. Jordan's behalf, until her recovery in the States is complete.

Our work on a new island in the Hawaiian chain is going forward. Rev. Reeford L. Chaney has labored hard and well to start the work in Kahului, the chief city on the island of Maui. On January 11 the construction of the church building began, under the able supervision of Mr. S. K. Hara-guchi, who built our church at Hilo, on the island of Hawaii. All the other pastors are giving a week to help in the construction of the building, in a wonderful example of co-operation.

There were no Nazarenes on Maui when the Chaney's went to the island. Brother Chaney has had to win the confidence and friendship of the people. He visited two hundred homes before the construction began, and has continued as he has had time during

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the building project. On December 19, services began in a tent with six present. Once only the three Chaney's were on hand, but there have been as high as fourteen. This is real missionary work. Let us pray for the Chaney's and the work on Maui.

New Churches

District Superintendent John L. Knight organized the Fort Lauderdale Second Church early in March with thirty-one charter members. Dr. Jesse Oakley has been appointed pastor. This is the twelfth new church on the Florida District for the quadrennium.

District Superintendent Ernest E. Grosse organized two churches in two days on the Washington-Philadelphia District. On February 27 the Milford, Delaware, church was organized; Rev. P. B. Sprecher, pastor. The next day the church at Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania, was organized; Rev. H. L. Kinsey, pastor. The Jersey Shore church is now completing the erection of its building.

On March 16 the church at Henderson, Maryland, was organized. Rev. Clarence Voshell was appointed supply

pastor. The congregation will worship in a community church building for the time being, which is being used by them exclusively. This organization was made possible by the Delaware Zone home-missions effort, spearheaded by Rev. Milton Taylor, pastor at Laurel, Delaware. This is the sixth new church on the Washington-Philadelphia District during this assembly year, which is a new record, and the twelfth during the quadrennium.

ONE HOUR WITH GOD

By F. W. Davis

*I spent one hour with God today,
In the secret place of prayer.
What fellowship, what peace and joy,
I found while waiting there!*

*His very presence thrilled my soul;
He lifted all my load.
I felt so happy and so free,
Within His blest abode!*

*One hour with God, and how well
spent,
With Him just all alone!
I felt His touch, I heard Him say,
"Dear child, you're still My own."*

The Toboggan Slide

HERE'S a new kind of "toboggan slide." I shall discuss it under seven points. It starts out with entire sanctification and its definite eradication of the sin nature. The *first downward trend is to doubt that such an experience is lived.* This begins with cynicism as to practice. The individual decides that nobody actually lives such an experience. Before discussing the second stage on this toboggan slide, I want to voice my belief that there are people who exemplify the life of the entirely sanctified. The sin nature has been eradicated, and their lives point to this fact. I believe that this has been true of some people in every age since the beginning of Christianity. Nevertheless, I say again that the first section on this toboggan slide has to do with a skepticism as to the sanctified life. The person who professes it comes to the conclusion in his own thinking that nobody exemplifies this truth in practical, everyday living.

The *second downward trend is to doubt the theory, or doctrine, of entire sanctification.* It is easy to negotiate this part of the toboggan slide when one becomes thoroughly convinced in his own mind that nobody actually lives the experience. Once we give up the ethics of entire sanctification, it is easy to go on and surrender the theory, or doctrine.

After giving up entire sanctification both practically and theoretically, it is not difficult for a person to become an *advocate of suppressionism.* He still holds to a second crisis, the baptism with the Holy Spirit for power or service, but a baptism that brings no cleansing from inbred sin. He continues to recognize that man is born a fallen creature and has the sin nature after conversion; but he's sure now that, even with a second crisis, man is not able to get rid of that condition in this life. Once a person has covered the first distance on this toboggan slide, it is natural for him to move on to the second, and then on to the third. The only point of safety, from the standpoint of the preservation of a second definite work of grace, is to hold to cleansing from inbred sin, or the eradication of the "old man." Once people or movements forsake this position, they open the way for a toboggan slide trip that it is not easy to stop until all of the Christian religion has been given up.

The *fourth* stage of this toboggan slide follows quickly and easily after the third, and *means the rejection of a second crisis in Christian experience altogether.* We get the Holy Spirit when we are saved, at least in a measure, and any increase in His presence within our hearts comes by a gradual process—there is no such thing as being filled with the Spirit, or baptized with the Spirit, as a second definite work of grace after conversion. I have only recently read an article on how to be filled with the Spirit. Much of what the writer says is excellent, but nowhere in the article is

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there any place made for a second crisis. From the first to the last it is a process, and a process which never culminates in full and genuine realization. Some might deny this last statement, but if they will read the article carefully they will find out for themselves that what I have said is true. The discussion should really have been given the title "How Not to Be Filled with the Spirit."

What follows as we traverse the *fifth* mile on the toboggan slide? There comes to the forefront a *new emphasis upon a "sinning religion."* We can't get rid of the sin nature, and neither can we get rid of sinning acts—sin and sinning are our lot, and there is no hope for us to escape from them in this life. We not only have the "prone" to wander, but we wander, and that every day, and in thought, word, and deed. Religion becomes for that individual a wandering affair, and we might sing of him, "Where is my wandering child tonight?" He has gone back into "the society of sinners," and is an enthusiastic supporter of "miserable-sinner religion."

The landscape changes again as we come to the *sixth* milepost; *we find that we have turned our backs on regeneration altogether.* Why talk about a new creature in Christ Jesus, or a new creation, if we have the same old heart and life? Why struggle to hold on to a transformation within when in actuality we have nothing to show for it, no proof of it in experience or practice?

Closely connected with this sixth downward trend is the *seventh—the renouncing of justification by faith.* It soon becomes illogical or even absurd to hold on to justification without regeneration, a so-called standing or position in Christ without any change within or without. Justification by faith as a definite crisis experience cannot long retain its place in our thinking without a belief in regeneration.

What is the *eighth* and final stopping place on this toboggan slide? It is *doubt as to Christ, His deity, His atoning blood, His resurrection, His saviourhood.* To become cynical as to these gospel truths is to turn one's back upon the Christian religion altogether. Little does one think when he starts down this toboggan slide that he will end up bereft of all that has significance from the standpoint of the Christian religion. And it might be added that no Christ means no God. "There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved," except the name of Jesus Christ. He is the one Mediator between man and God. No one knows God except the person to whom Jesus reveals Him. To give up

the only uncreated Son of God and His power to save to the uttermost inevitably leads to darkness and despair. Beware, my friend, of this toboggan slide. Our only escape from it lies in standing firmly for Christ, who is able not only to forgive the guilt of our actual transgressions, to make us new creatures, but also to cleanse our hearts from inbred sin.

*Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Save from wrath and make me pure.*

A Familiar Sight in Kansas City

ANYONE who has been in Kansas City the past year has seen houses all propped up, and men digging around the foundations. There have been hundreds of buildings in this condition. However, I've seen so much of this in Kansas City that I've become curious. I've taken the time to talk to two friends, both expert builders, about this situation. I said to them, "What's the trouble, anyway? Why are they having to rebuild these foundations under so many homes?"

One of these men answered immediately and said that somebody wanted to make too much money and didn't put in the right kind of foundations to begin with. He put in foundations that would stand all right if there was no emergency; but if there was, they wouldn't. The emergency came—it was a long dry spell, so long that the earth pulled away from the foundations, and especially from the footings underneath the basement wall of these buildings. It shrank and failed to hold these footings in place. They would have been all right if the long dry spell hadn't come, if the emergency hadn't arisen. Houses need to be built so they will stand when the crisis comes. If the underlying footings had been made wide enough for the building that was to be erected, and if the concrete had been reinforced properly, then there would have been no sinking or cracking on the part of the walls of the house, even though the earth did shrink away from the footings.

The Bible has plenty to say about foundations. One of the instructions which Cyrus, the king, gave concerning the house of God at Jerusalem was that its foundations should "be strongly laid" (Ezra 6:3). Also, Jesus closes His Sermon on the Mount with a striking parable about foundations.

He says: "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it" (Matt. 7:24-27).

It wasn't the rain and the winds that caused the houses in Kansas City to sink, the walls to crack—it was the dry weather. But in either case the foundations had to face an unusual situation, or test, and if built on the sands, or weakly, they would fail. They are like some people we know who got saved—I really believe they got saved, and I think they wanted to live the Christian life, to some extent at least. But what happened? They began to play fast and loose with sin. They began to "skirt the edge" of danger. They began to allow questionable practices to take hold of them. They might have made it and finally risen above these shortcomings if the crisis hadn't come; but they met it, and the result was they collapsed and committed some terrible sin. They disgraced themselves, their loved ones, their friends, and, most of all, their God. They failed to lay, carefully, the right kind of foundation for a real Christian character which would stand when the emergency came.

Not all of life is lived today. All of us should remember that we are building not only for today but also for the future, not only for what is but also for what may come. Therefore, we must be sure that we are building our lives upon Christ. He is the solid Rock from the standpoint of our earthly existence, and also for the hereafter. This is really what Jesus meant in the parable which He gave at the close of the Sermon on the Mount. He who heard the truths of this message but did not heed them built his house on the shifting sands. But the person who heard and did them built his life on the rock.

We must follow the instructions of Jesus, not only as to getting saved, but also as to the kind of life we are to live after we are saved. In the verses preceding those which I have just referred to, we have these significant words: "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity" (Matt. 7:21-23). Christ, let me say again, is the solid Rock, and we must build both for the present and for the future on Him. He must become our Lord and Master, and we must

follow in His footsteps. It is only as we do this that we can stand when the crisis comes. The poet was right when he said:

*My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.*

*I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.
All other ground is sinking sand.*



THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON

By J. GEORGE TAYLORSON

Topic for May 1: A Man of Faith and Action

Scripture: II Chronicles 17—20 (Printed: II Chron. 17:1-7, 9; 19:4-7)

GOLDEN TEXT: *Deal courageously, and the Lord shall be with the good* (II Chron. 19:11).

Jehoshaphat, a young man of thirty-five, was called upon to assume responsibility as king of Judah. His father, Asa, had brought strength and power through his wise leadership and obedience to God. But sad days had been witnessed by Jehoshaphat as he observed his father, in the last days of his reign, allowing his heart to be filled with pride. The resultant lack of trust in God resulted inevitably in the formation of an unholy and foreign alliance.

This youthful king had had the opportunity to observe that God would direct unerringly in all moral judgments, and as the people responded, so the nation would prosper. The converse had also been true. When the leader and the people turned down the living God, the nation went down in humiliating defeat.

Jehoshaphat came to his throne with a resolute heart and humble spirit. As the result of wise administration and righteous leadership plus a godly example to his people, he became God's instrument to restore

Judah's prestige to an extent unknown since the days of David and Solomon. When he died at the age of sixty, his twenty-five years of wise administration left Judah a strong and healthy nation.

Under the leadership of Jehoshaphat a teaching mission was sponsored which, under the direction of five princes, sent out the Levites to carry on the program throughout the nation. This is the first recorded effort to teach the people the Word of God and had much to do with the reformation of the nation.

The Christian Service Training program of the Church of the Nazarene is designed to strengthen the entire membership on all age levels. Perhaps this lesson will afford us an opportunity to give careful appraisal of the teaching program of our local church.

At the dedication of the great Palomar Observatory, Dr. Raymond B. Fosdick focused his address with these words: "Knowledge is not enough . . . unless we can anchor knowledge to moral foundations, the ultimate result will be dust and ashes . . . The towering enemy of man is

not his science, but his moral inadequacy." Voices from all responsible leaders are calling us to give heed to the study of the Word of God. Evangelism, as usually understood, is not sufficient to guide our youth through tomorrow's hazards and uncertainties. Firmer and stronger character can come only as we strengthen the foundations of our personal faith. It is too often pathetically true that our people know little about the reasons for the faith within. This fact results in the withering of spiritual life, too frequent backsliding and hesitancy in Christian service. Too often it is not that we are unwilling, but rather we don't know. Perhaps the hour just prior to the Sunday evening service could be profitably spent in the study of our faith. Complete information may be obtained by writing to the Christian Service Training department, Church of the Nazarene, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City 10, Missouri.

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THE QUESTION BOX

Conducted by

STEPHEN S. WHITE

Q. *I heard someone say that we should pray only to God the Father. Is that right, or may we also pray to Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit?*

A. Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are as truly God as God the Father is, and it is perfectly proper to pray to them. We may address our prayers just to God or to any one of the Persons in the Godhead. Prayer is a form of worship, and it is right to

worship the Son and the Holy Spirit as well as the Father.

Q. *Will you please write about Matt. 16:18-19? Is Christ speaking to Peter, the apostles, or even to us today? Will you explain the meaning?*

A. Henry C. Sheldon in his *System of Christian Doctrine* has this to say

of these verses: "It may be granted that Christ spoke of Peter as a foundation, and also as a bearer of the keys. But when it is seen that Christ spoke in like manner of the other apostles as bearers of the keys [see Matt. 18:18, where Jesus is talking to all of the disciples, as Matt. 18:1 indicates]; that all the apostles are placed together in the foundation (Eph. 2:20); that the Book of Acts furnishes not one trace of constitu-

tional supremacy in Peter; that the Epistles of Paul reveal him as claiming full equality in the grace of apostleship, and even assuming to correct Peter on a certain occasion (Gal. 1:1, 11-17, 2:6-15), what more can we reasonably make of the mention of Peter as a foundation than a simple declaration that he should take an eminent part in founding the Church? Peter was a foundation as doing the work of a founder. The other apostles were a foundation in the same sense; John in a measure scarcely inferior to that of Peter; Paul, in even a larger measure, by reason of his 'more abundant labors' in the Gentile world. The special mention of Peter at a particular juncture is adequately explained by the special occasion for rewarding him which he had just given by his noble confession. The glorious place which some of the other apostles were to have in the foundation was left to the disclosure of subsequent history. In the case of all alike, the idea of proper successors to their place in the foundation is rationally excluded. To predicate strict succession here would be like assuming a continuous succession of founders of the American Republic" (pp. 489-90). It might be added that the New Testament is full of teaching which implies that the keys of the final destiny of immortal souls are given only to Christ. Rev. 1:18 states this specifically. God has not committed my future destiny into any man's hands.

Q. Acts 9:7 tells us that the men with Paul while he was on the road to Damascus heard the voice that spake to Paul. On the other hand, in Acts 22:9 we are told that the men with Paul did not hear the voice. Please explain this, for I am confused as to it at this time.

A. There is really no contradiction in these two verses. The Greek verb for "hear" is used with more than one meaning, just as many of our words are today. It may mean to hear without understanding—merely hearing the sounds without getting the meaning, or it may refer to hearing in the sense of understanding. In Acts 9:7 the Greek term is used in the first sense, while in 22:9 it is used with the second meaning. In the first case they heard but did not understand, while in the second instance we are simply informed that they did not understand—they heard in that sense.

Q. Please explain the doctrinal thought contained in John 17:16-21.

A. First, your passage involves parts of two of the chief divisions in this wonderful chapter. This high

priestly prayer of Jesus is usually divided into three sections: Christ's prayer for himself (vv. 1-5); Christ's prayer for His present disciples (vv. 6-19); and Christ's prayer for His future disciples. Thus the verses 16-21 include the last part of the second section and the first part of the third. The climactic words of the prayer are found in verses 16-19. Here Jesus' greatest burden is manifested in his petition in verse 17, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." They and their successors are to be made holy that they may all be one and that the world may believe. Jesus sanctified himself (went on to the Cross) in order that His followers might be truly sanctified.

A Thought for the Day

"YET SPEAKETH"

By Bertha Munro

Monday:

Unequal to the day with its demands, dead, drained of energy—suddenly the words sing themselves clear through you: *Power into strengthless souls He speaks, and life into the dead.* Faith grips the mighty fact, and new strength surges in.

No, it isn't Bible, though Biblical. Years ago someone—you do not even know his name—lived this same experience and was constrained to sing it into praises. Dead now, but passing on life to you—"yet speaketh."

Tuesday:

*Refining Fire, go through my heart,
Illuminate my soul.*

Almost two hundred years ago the Wesleys fought through to the clear vision of inner cleansing for the Christian. Today, as I repeat those experience-tested words, the sense of purging fullness is real—not only at the altar of consecration, but in the give-and-take of human pressures, no dross of selfish motive accumulating, no weeds of wrong desire springing up.

*Scatter Thy life through every part,
And sanctify the whole.*

Wednesday:

*Though my weary steps may falter,
And my soul athirst may be,
Gushing from the Rock before me,
Lo, a spring of joy I see.*

That day when I posted the letter which, it seemed, would tear my life to pieces, then went into a college chapel and heard them singing these words, I was thankful that Fanny

Crosby in her blindness had found the spring of joy. In my every barren place since, that spring has not failed.

Thursday:

*Jesus, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow Thee.*

A hundred years ago a cultured young clergyman, broken in health, called to a desolate country parish among coarse, unsympathetic people, lived his faith into obedience, and obedience into this song. At the close of life he sang it again: *O Thou who changest not, abide with me!* His testimony encourages me today. If I too stake my all on a call of God, I shall find Him unchanging, abiding, faithful.

Friday:

*Though sometimes He leads through
waters deep,
Shadows fall across the way,
Though sometimes the path seems
rough and steep,
See His footprints all the way—*

Luther Bridgers' strength when his entire family was burned to death!
O Love that wilt not let me go—

George Matheson's stay in blindness and rejection—these stars shining through bitter trial have power in them for our hour of blinding storm.
*Let shadows come, let shadows go
... Thou thinkest, Lord, of me.*

Someone proved it. I can too!

Saturday:

*I've anchored my soul in the haven
of rest—I saw the peace of heaven
flood a soul as we sang the chorus
over and over. Someone had lived it
before.*

*O boundless Love divine . . . the
Comforter has come! Almost the
whole night through we repeated the
strain for a young woman who was
struggling her way into light. Some-
one who knew had passed on his as-
surance, and the Comforter came
again!*

Sunday:

The list could be lengthened indefinitely. The truth that sings itself into our lives has been distilled through the lives of others. Life into song into life is the order. Neither poet nor singer, yet we can live music that will go out and on to bless. George Eliot wrote of "the choir invisible," whose deeds make up "the music of the world." Today, Lord, "make me Thy music."

*If ye be willing and obedient, ye
shall eat the good of the land (Isa.
1:19).*

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Prayer Answer

Some weeks ago we requested prayer for little David Rudeen, who had accidentally cut his eye with a paring knife. Here is the latest report:

"God has undertaken in a marvelous way regarding [David's] injured eye. The doctor's concern at the time was to save the eye, though he could not promise how much vision might remain; but at the time the bandages were removed for good, he had about three-quarters of normal vision in that eye.

"We are happy that it is no worse. The scar, which will be permanent, is just a narrow cloud because of the successful operation. It is across the pupil, but at one side, not the center. The iris has lost its contracting power because of the muscle being severed. That necessitates dark glasses while outdoors. We shall also probably have to put glasses on him for astigmatism when he starts school next September.

"Thank you for your concern and prayers."—C. G. RUDEEN, *Nicaragua*.

Satan Has Not Quit Fighting

The hot season is upon us and another year in India is quickly drawing to a close. No doubt this has been the greatest year for us all. God has done so much in my own heart for which I praise Him. We saw *real* revival come to one of our churches on the Mehkar Circle. How God

did work in Agephal! Then, there have been seeming defeats. One of our pastors recently left his wife, returned to Hinduism, and was married again. But we are still claiming God's promises. He is fighting for us. We know the victory is ours! I am sure God is giving to all of us a clearer picture of the awfulness of sin and the greatness of His mercy. This is a part of revival.—MARJORIE CARTER, *India*.

A Wonderful Day at Idalia

By A. LILIAN JONES

Yesterday was a wonderful day for us. It was the day for opening our new church at M'konto. It is fifteen miles from the main station. The dedication should have taken place four weeks ago but the condition of the roads, owing to the unusual torrential rains, made it impossible to get through.

But yesterday we borrowed a truck and about thirty of us from Idalia started off after our morning service. It was well that we had the truck, for we would never have gotten through with the car. The roads in some places were completely washed away, so that we had to make our own road across the veldt.

The local farmer who had so kindly allowed us to build on his farm was present at the service, and to him was given the joy of officially opening the building. Before we entered we marched around the building, sing-

REMISS REHFELDT, Secretary

ing "Onward, Christian Soldiers." Then we packed in, moved up, squeezed together, and still they came, until eventually the latecomers—and somehow in a native service there are always a few who feel it their duty to be late—had to stand at the windows. I counted 175 people, and I'm sure I missed a few. A number of us gave some brief words about the occasion, and then the message of the hour was brought to us by our native *Umfundisi*. Before he sat down, he commended the local evangelist for the work that he had done and was doing. Truly this young man and his good wife are carrying a burden for souls. The wife had been asked to pray, and she broke down and wept as she pleaded with God to give them a revival. Many of the congregation were in tears also.

Then came the final message and we heard God speak. Apart from the occasional whooping from children who had whooping cough, there was respectful silence throughout the service. It was a wonderful message and one feels sure that the fruits will be seen in eternity.

Holy Ghost-filled evangelists are doing a great work, and because of this we rejoice that three more men from this district have gone to Bible school. We are expecting to send another at the end of March, when his contract with his present employer is completed.



Religious News and Comments

By A. K. BRACKEN

"Tante"

At the age of seventy years she sold her comfortable home in South Africa and went to work. Thereafter she had no settled home nor firm security. She is an Afrikaans-speaking South African. She has a message for African women on the color question. Out of gratitude for her teaching them how to live, scores of wives of politicians, teachers, ministers, and others call her "Tante." Under her influence both the women and their husbands are freeing themselves from

bitterness and are becoming a uniting force in their country. One wife of an African political leader had a "devastating thought on honesty" as she waited on God for the day. She confessed to her husband for stealing his money. He turned to honesty and to victory over drunkenness. He is now a constructive force in his country. As a politician he now bases his decisions on "What is right?" Would that all politicians in Christian America could come to know "Tante"! It might do us all good (*Christian Advocate*).

"Soup, Soap, Salvation"

Under the above caption, a recent number of *Newsweek* wrote interestingly of the Salvation Army. The Salvation Army recently celebrated the seventy-fifth anniversary of its arrival in the United States. On March 10, 1880, Commissioner George Scott Railton and seven Salvation Army lassies landed in New York. In their first service they ministered to a "vice-ridden" audience of "pestilence-breeding prostitutes and Station House dudes." "Ash-barrel Jimmy"—literally pulled from an ash barrel—

was their first convert. In sharp contrast to severe persecutions at the beginnings in America was their anniversary celebration recently, with its parades and a proclamation by the President of the United States. The motto of the Army is: "To meet the need at the point of need." The Army has suffered some through the years, along with many churches, in emphasizing soap and soup to a bit of neglect of salvation. Could we not all examine ourselves lest we fall into like temptation?

Whose Servant?

One news item tells that Vice-President Nixon appointed as his administrative assistant one Robert L. King, vice-president and general manager of the Comfort Distilling Company of St. Louis, Missouri. Another tells of his teaching one of his hosts in the Caribbean area how to concoct a potent potion from native

fruit. In still another, Mrs. Nixon is shown talking with Mrs. Fulgencio Batista. An item in the *Christian Herald* said that both ladies had glasses in their hands and that Mrs. Nixon's was of the "stemmed variety." "Could have been water. Could have been anything," said the *Herald*, and continued, "But the picture was worth its square inches in gold to the liquor industry." We agree wholly. If Nixon is "dry" he should act the part.

BRIEFS

"Golden Hour." Recently Dr. Billy Graham was asked by reporters how he felt about the depth of the present "spiritual awakening." He replied that "widespread immorality" indicated that the revival was not being demonstrated enough. Dr. Graham was applying a valid test. Any revival that does not result in moral betterment is spurious. "This is the Church's golden hour. If we turn to God . . .,"

he said (*Washington Religious Report*).

"Hypocrisy." In hurling the charge of "hypocrisy" at President Eisenhower on account of his religion, Senator Neely revealed himself in no complimentary way. It was altogether uncalled for and unbecoming. It is to their credit that many of the senators have made it clear that he spoke only for himself. We should thank God for a President whose sense of his great responsibilities will move him to seek God's help in the performance of his duties.

"Telephonic inspiration." In Baltimore, Maryland, you may dial a given number on the telephone and get an inspirational thought for the day. So great has been the demand—120 to 130 calls an hour—that the telephone company is installing a second trunk line to handle the calls. This service is arranged by the Y.W.C.A. (*Christian Advocate*).

NEWS of the Churches



Evangelist Donald R. Silvernail writes: "I have two open dates that I'd like to slate as God may lead—May 17 to 29 and June 7 to 19. Write me, % Nazarene Assembly Park, Vicksburg, Michigan."

Phoenix, Arizona — Emmanuel Church closed a meeting on February 28, with Rev. Fred W. Fetters as evangelist. God's presence was greatly felt in every service and the church was definitely helped. Thirty-one souls prayed through to God for pardon or purity. Brother Fetters is a preacher of the Word, a humble man, and proved to be God's man of the hour for Phoenix Emmanuel.—R. A. Noakes, Pastor.

Altadena, California—On Sunday night, February 27, we closed a great revival with Rev. R. N. Raycroft as the evangelist. In service after service he brought the old-time message of salvation afresh and new. The last Sunday morning was a red-letter day for our Sunday school with a new, all-time high of 240 in attendance. The Sunday-school offering of the last Sunday each month is given to foreign missions. Last year it amounted to 12 per cent of the entire Sunday school for the year. The basement of the annex has recently been remodeled and plans are already under way for the building of an educational unit in the near future. We appreciate and love our pastor and his good wife, Rev. Hal and Ruth Glover. They carry our interests on their hearts and are leading us on with confidence and determination.—Marvin Webber, Reporter.

Bryan, Ohio—The wonderful altar services of Sunday, March 6, were a fitting climax to our revival meeting with Rev. and Mrs. Otto Davidson. Almost every service brought seekers to the altar, and closed with shouts of praise and victory. Restitution, repentance, and consecration opened the way for the Holy Spirit to come in great power and save and sanctify souls. Singing, preaching, praying, and giving were made easy as the Spirit of God moved and melted hearts. The great grace that was upon us and the glory that came down were the results of praying through and obeying the truth. The people of the church are blessed and happy and ready for greater service for God and the community.—Myrland Stahl, Pastor.

Eaton Rapids, Michigan—Our church recently closed a wonderful series of meetings with Rev. and Mrs. William Schmidt, as the evangelist, song leader, special singers, and scene-o-felt illustrator. The messages and the entire program of these services were Holy Ghost inspired and effectual. Seventy-seven souls, in all, either sought God to be saved, reclaimed, or sanctified. The church was so happy and satisfied with the results that a return call was given for a longer meeting next year. The pastor, Rev. C. A. Noffsinger, received a young married couple, two adults, and two young people into membership on the closing night of the revival. The church is looking forward to a wonderful year under the splendid leadership of this fine Christian minister, who is loved by the church and respected by the entire community.—Reporter.

Rev. W. L. Tremain writes: "After a season in the pastorate, Mrs. Tremain and I feel definite burden for the evangelistic field. Beginning June 1, we shall be glad to go where the Lord may lead, and carry the full program for the meeting if desired. We would particularly like to work in our native New England for at least a part of the summer. Address us, % Trevecca Nazarene College, Nashville 10, Tennessee."

San Bernardino, California—First Church recently concluded the most glorious revival of the seven years of our ministry in this city. Evangelist Sammy Sparks and the Lacy Colored Singers captured the hearts of the crowds that "packed out" the church. Professor R. J. (Ron) Lush, our minister of music, added his trumpet and his fifty-voice choir to the inspired special and congregational singing. Nearly three hundred seekers (including the students of our Christian Day School) sought God during the ten-day meeting. First Church has enjoyed unusual growth during the past three years under the revival ministry of Dr. B. V. Seals, Dr. H. B. Wallin, Dr. D. S. Corlett, and Evangelists Charles Hastings Smith and Lyle K. Potter. An entire block frontage has been purchased in order to build a larger sanctuary and to accommodate the growing Christian Day School. The Sunday school now averages 450 per Sunday, with an average of 100 visitors per Sunday. God is pouring out His Holy Spirit on San Bernardino Nazarenes.—Clyde A. Rhone, Pastor.

Kellogg, Idaho—During an inspirational youth meeting, March 3 to 6, Dr. Lauriston J. Du Bois inspired and challenged the hearts of members and friends of the Kellogg church. The practical and sensible approach to many Christian problems as presented by Dr. Du Bois was extremely profitable to all because of the anointing of the Holy Spirit on both speaker and congregation. The general trend of remarks heard these days in our church is to the effect that it was the most enlightening and helpful ministry different ones had ever experienced. The Kellogg Nazarenes have always been loyal to the church program. Dr. Du Bois confirmed the soundness of that loyalty as he reported on various phases of the work and progress at our General Headquarters in Kansas City. Those who found God during the meeting join with those who have known Him longest to say, "May our denomination continue to be blessed by leadership such as Dr. Lauriston J. Du Bois."—Reporter.

Lafayette, Colorado—Recently we had a one-week youth revival with Rev. C. B. Cox, our district superintendent, as the evangelist, and Mrs. Cox as song evangelist. Brother Cox preaches with the power and unction of the Holy Spirit, and Sister Cox blessed our hearts with her splendid singing; she also gave several of her good readings. We love and appreciate our good district superintendent and wife. Many folks said it was the best revival this church had had in years. Souls prayed through to God, and on the last Sunday night the altar was filled. Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Blake came as our pastors last August—they are young people who believe in getting the job done, and we appreciate their ministry. Our church is encouraged, new people are looking our way, and we are now making plans for a new church building.—Marv Dillon, Reporter.

Miamisburg, Ohio—Last August we moved from Union City, Indiana, to take the church here. I am speaking for my family and myself, saying that we have never been treated more graciously. God has certainly blessed the church with many souls at the altar. In September we had Rev. Daniel Stafford as our evangelist. He preached with the unction of God upon him. God came in a wonderful way and gave us a great church revival with many souls at the altar. In December we had Rev. J. C. Crabtree as our evangelist; he brought wonderful messages on heart holiness. The results were a great uplift to the church. Rev. J. D. Stafford came to us in February. His messages were inspirational and brought conviction to the hearts of the unsaved. He carried a great burden for the meeting along with the pastor and the people. The results were many saved, fifteen new members received into the

church; and the church extended us a three-year call and a substantial raise in salary. By the co-operation of the people of the church and the help of God we have broken the Sunday-school attendance record with 261 present. Plans are being drawn for a new sanctuary.—William F. Fightmaster, Pastor.

Columbus, Missouri—We are very happy serving our wonderful people here at Countryside Church. During the past eighteen months the church has purchased air conditioning, a new sign, and landscaped the grounds. Also, they have added a spare bedroom, bathroom, and utility room to the parsonage. Truly, our people take good care of the pastor and wife. The church is making tremendous strides toward being a really spiritual church. We have had three revival meetings—with Evangelists Ford Boone, Ted and Geneva Holstein, and J. C. Crabtree. It is a privilege to serve this people, and we love the Church of the Nazarene.—Modie M. Schoonover, Pastor.

Middletown, New York—God has truly worked a miracle here within the past year. The work here had been closed for several years, and given up as hopeless. Rev. Leslie Cook came a little more than one year ago—his first pastorate. Within one year he organized a church with eighteen members, and the Sunday school is now averaging more than thirty in attendance. In January they had a real revival with Evangelists Dorrance Nichols and wife as the special workers. New people attended the services, some of the church people were wonderfully sanctified, and on the last night it seemed that God opened the windows of heaven and ten people were wonderfully saved. Also, God answered prayer for finances and every need was supplied. Brother Cook is truly "crusading for souls." Middletown is on the march for God.—Reporter.

Vincennes, Indiana—Our church recently closed a very profitable revival meeting with Rev. George P. Woodward, chalk artist. His work was of the highest order and through the eye and ear gates brought out the great truths of heart purity with unusual depth and force. First Church here was organized in 1918 and some of the charter members have declared the work of Brother Woodward the best yet. Before the meeting he sent instructions and helps for pastor, Sunday-school superintendent, and young people's president, which I greatly appreciated. During the meetings he was always in the ten o'clock and seven o'clock prayer meetings. His work at the altar with seventy seekers was wonderful. He especially interested the children and young people. We have invited him back for a future engagement. The church here extended me a recall vote for the seventh year, which will be the longest pastorate ever held in this church. We appreciate the Church of

the Nazarene more and more each year and want to give our best for the church and the kingdom of God.—Albert B. Schneider, Pastor.

Tifton, Georgia—God has given us one of the best revivals we have had during our entire ministry, with Evangelist Jimmy Fuller doing the preaching, and Kenny Drew Fuller in charge of music. Brother Fuller was at his best in this revival. It is wonderful the way God has healed him, and now he can eat anything. He is in better health than he has been since he was a boy. He did some of the best preaching we have ever heard. The people prayed and worked for the salvation of souls, and it is marvelous the way God was on the scene in every service. Many sought and found forgiveness of sins or purity of heart, and members are being added to the church as a result of this revival. During the past four years, we have enjoyed working with the people of the church in Tifton. We are thankful that they have seen fit to give us a unanimous call for three more years. They love God, and one another, and they love souls that are lost. God is blessing every department of the church.—Alfred T. Moye, Pastor.

Ponchatoula, Louisiana—Our church recently closed a wonderful revival with Rev. W. M. Tidwell as the special worker. His soul-stirring, evangelistic messages and morning Bible studies are never to be forgotten by those who attended. God honored with His presence and many souls bowed at the altar and found definite victory. We appreciate Brother Tidwell's enthusiastic presentation of Bible truths. This revival was numbered among the best in the history of the church.—Earl Wheeler, Pastor.

Findlay, Ohio—First Church recently enjoyed a "Youth-on-the-March Crusade," with our pastor, Rev. J. Wesley Sherrill, doing the preaching, and Miss Clarine Hall as special singer. Brother Sherrill preached the truth, God came on the scene, and about seventy persons received help at the altar of prayer. These were soul-searching services, with much fasting and prayer throughout the entire meeting. The Holy Spirit was so manifest that there were three services without any preaching—God came, and there were testimonies, confessions, and shouts, so that the services were continued for a second week. Miss Hall is a wonderful altar worker and speaker, as well as a God-filled singer, and the Lord blessed her ministry to all our hearts. From this revival has come a church cottage prayer meeting, and a new fire and zeal not before known in this church. Preceding the revival, in a special banquet, a fine message was given by Rev. J. O. Shrider of Rudolph, and God met with us. Our congregation has completed its first year in the new building, and God has given us new families and new talent.—Mrs. George P. Gibbs, Reporter.

The Elgin Church of the Nazarene has recently completed a remodeling job, at a cost of more than six thousand dollars. This church was established in 1924, and Dr. George J. Franklin and wife came as pastors in September of 1953, after he had served eight years as superintendent of the Northwest Indiana District. In work done on the building, the remodeling included especially the front entrance, side entrance, and the rear entrance leading to the basement. The whole building was thoroughly repaired and waterproofed with a final coat of paint. This was completed upon the first anniversary of Brother Franklin's term of service in Elgin. In summing up the year's work—gains have been made in every department, with more than 10 per cent increase in membership; and finances, during eleven months, an amount equaling what had been raised in the

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previous twelve months made it possible to meet all current obligations. A goal was reached for the world-

wide missionary cause of 10 per cent of the total giving of the church for all purposes.—Reporter.

Painesville, Ohio—Our church recently enjoyed a wonderful Youth Crusade with Allard and Dorothea Kuschner as the preacher and singer. Every service found seekers at the altar with a gracious outpouring of God's Spirit in the Sunday morning service. Included in the Wednesday-to-Sunday Crusade was a youth banquet on Saturday night at Mill-Morr Farm. Brother Kuschner brought a short inspirational message to the thirty-eight in attendance, and Mrs. Kuschner led the group in singing choruses. The banquet was open to all of young people's society age. Under the direction of Miss Dolores Schwanke the youth choir sang during the Crusade in place of the senior choir. The Youth Crusade turned out to be a revival such as the church had not seen in several years, and some of those who sought God at the altar have already joined the church. We praise God for the work of this fine couple.—Reporter.

to the building program. During the time of the construction of the new church, we have been granted permission to use the large, beautiful hall in our local fire station. The attendance at these services in the temporary location has remained surprisingly high, and God is wonderfully blessing us.—R. J. Long, Pastor.

Casey, Illinois—We recently closed a good meeting with Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Chapman—as the special workers. Brother Chapman is a good, old-fashioned holiness preacher who hews close to the original line of primitive gospel preaching, and we appreciated his work. Sister Chapman is good in special singing, and is ever willing to help the saints intercede for souls. Both are congenial to work with, and are very fine folk to have in the home.—C. K. Dillman, Pastor.

Rev. George Cocoris writes: "Since September, 1953, I have engaged in full-time evangelistic work. During this time I have conducted six meetings in Missouri, eighteen in Tennessee, and a number in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Indiana. Since January 1, this year, I have been in meetings at Jasper, Alabama, with Amos Eby; at Loudon, Tennessee, with William Stone; at Chattanooga Valley, Georgia, with Bill Sheridan; and in Brunswick, Georgia, with Jack Dell. Following the East Tennessee preachers' meeting, I go to Cairo, Georgia, with Paul Barnes; then to Flat River, Missouri, with Fred Hartman; from there to Avondale Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee, with Harold Tingle (this will be my seventh meeting in the Chattanooga area, having preached at East Lake Church, Alton Park, Grace, Fairview, Wilder's Tower, and Lafayette); from there to Nashville, Tennessee, with Benson Memorial Church (my third meeting in Nashville); and then to Grayson, Kentucky. In all the meetings God has given us souls for both

pardon and heart purity. I have enjoyed my work with the pastors and churches where I have preached, and appreciate all the kindnesses shown me. I was born and reared in the Greek Orthodox church, but I did not know Christ. I am glad I found the people called Nazarenes, for they led me to know Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour."

Evangelist W. G. Richards and wife write that they would like to contact a singer and musician to travel with them in the field of evangelism. They may be contacted at Box 313, Sparta, Michigan.

Evangelists Allard and Dorothea Kuschner write: "When God called us into the field of evangelism, we didn't know where He would lead, but we promised to follow. Since last October He has led us into 7 states, with 13 meetings, and best of all, crowned our labors with more than 300 souls. We are young people and love to work with young and old alike. We have some open time for the summer (June, July, August), and will be glad to go anywhere we can be of service for our Master, with holiness preaching and Spirit-filled singing. Write us, 701 E. Schaaf Road, Brooklyn Heights, Ohio."

Hazlehurst, Mississippi—Our youth revival was a great success. Rev. Billy Hoof was the evangelist, and he is a dynamic preacher of the old-time gospel. His ministry was greatly enjoyed by all. The services were well attended with a wonderful spirit prevailing over the congregation. We had a wonderful time in the Lord with good services around the altar. The people of the church were greatly revived and encouraged to do greater things for the Lord. There were members received into the church at the close of the revival; also the church board voted to put their pastor on a full-time salary.—Charles Lambert, Pastor.

Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania—The College Hill Church of the Nazarene recently closed a very successful and inspiring revival campaign with Rev. and Mrs. Edward R. Ferguson as the evangelists. In spite of exceptionally bad weather, and the handicap of being in the midst of a building program, the attendance was high throughout the campaign. Sister Ferguson was a real blessing in bringing the gospel in song in her beautiful personal way. Brother Ferguson is a true, old-fashioned holiness preacher; and none of our congregation can ever be the same after sitting under such inspiring messages. In addition to having several new seekers, we have all gone deeper in our own Christian experiences. We greatly appreciated the work of Brother and Sister Ferguson. The last Sunday morning of the revival series we held a rally day in our Sunday school, and had an attendance of 122. This was also the last day we could worship in our own church, due

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Evangelist E. D. Wolfe writes: "We recently closed a meeting with our church at Dallas, Oregon. This is a new church but God gave some good victories at the altar, new people were reached, and the future looks good for our church in that city. Rev. Kenneth Wills is the pastor. Brother Marvin Schadd was in charge of the music and did a fine job. From there we went to our church at Salem Keizer; Rev. David Blum is the fine pastor. They have some wonderful people in the Keizer Church who carry a burden for souls. The attendance was good, and a number prayed through to be saved or sanctified. Their next move is a larger edifice to take care of their growing Sunday school in that growing community. We have some time open this summer and fall. Will be happy to serve any church for freewill offering and entertainment. Write us, 820 Edina Avenue, Salem, Oregon."

Evangelist George H. Talbert reports: "We have recently closed a good revival at East Broadway Church in Toledo, Ohio, where Rev. V. E. McCoy is the fine, aggressive, and much-loved pastor. The meeting was well under way when we arrived, with a fine spirit prevailing, and God gave great victories both in saving souls and healing bodies. Three fine new families were reached for Christ and the church and there were many other outstanding victories. Never in over three hundred revivals have we been better received, better entertained or paid, and never have we had a meeting that came easier. We were invited to return in '57. This finds us at Mt. Sterling, Ohio, and already (the third night) great waves of glory are on the services. We are having great days in the Master's vineyard; we have good health, good religion, and great blessings of God on our ministry. We close a meeting in Detroit, Michigan, on June 13 and have the next date open; we would like to fill it anywhere the Lord may lead. Write us at Abilene, Kansas, Box 438."

Evangelist Joe Bishop writes that he has an open date, June 30 to July 10, and also an open date in August. Write him, Yukon, Oklahoma.

Evangelist H. A. Casey writes: "I have some open dates (June 15 to 26; July 13 to 24; July 27 to August 7, and November 30 to December 11); will be glad to slate this time wherever the Lord may open the door. I play several musical instruments, vibra-harp, cathedral chimes, trumpet, etc., and will be glad to carry the whole program of preaching, singing, and playing. Also I have some good dates open for '56. Write me, 1801 N.E. Madison, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma."

Ketchikan, Alaska—Our church recently concluded a wonderful and far-reaching revival with Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Dobson as the evangelists. Their coming to us was providential, and the meeting proved beyond a doubt that God was in it all. Only eight services were held, yet God moved marvelously. On Friday evening, and in both services on Sunday, the altar was not long enough to accommodate all the seekers. Adults, teen-agers, and children alike wept and called on God as they sought Him for pardon and heart purity. Brother Dobson's rugged, searching messages, backed by scripture, were just what we needed. Mrs. Dobson sang beautifully and endeared herself to the church by her Spirit-led work about the altar. This church will soon celebrate its fourth anniversary. With the help of consecrated hands we have been able to erect the first unit of our church building, after worshiping in the parsonage for three years. Dr. G. B. Williamson dedicated this unit last October. Sunday-school attendance began to climb, seven out of the thirteen Sundays of the last quarter in 1954 setting new records. Our record now stands at 114. The people are united in love, and the church has a good name in the town.—Clark H. Lewis, Pastor.

Rev. R. J. Beuthin, Jr., writes: "I am leaving the pastoral duties after four years to enter the field of full-time evangelism in July, feeling this is the Lord's will. The program to be carried will be illustrated picture sermons and illustrated songs, chalk work. The music will include piano-accordion, guitar, and special numbers in song. My wife will be giving flannelgraphs. We will be traveling with a house-trailer and will go where the Lord may lead. We are now making up a fall slate. Write us, % Nazarene Publishing House, P.O. Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri."

Porterville, California—The Springville Church recently had a wonderful revival with Rev. and Mrs. Carl Friesen, of Salinas, as the preacher and singer. Brother Friesen is a humble man and brought inspiring and searching messages. Souls were saved, and also some were sanctified. The people were blessed, and finances came without a pull.—Reporter.

Rev. Doyle Dorrance writes: "Wife and I have accepted a call to pastor the First Church of the Nazarene at Baldwin Park, California, and will be taking up the work there about June 5. However we have some open time in April and in May we would like to slate—Wednesday over Sunday or full-time revival, anywhere in California or in Arizona. Write us at P.O. Box 281, Monrovia, California."

Evangelist Wade L. Nelson writes: "I am in a revival with the Walnut Mission Church of the Nazarene at Oklahoma City. Began with a nice crowd and the presence of the Lord on the service. Most of the people are acting as if they want an old-fashioned revival. I have some open dates and will go anywhere God leads. Write me, 21 S.W. 40 Street, Oklahoma City 9, Oklahoma."

Southwest Indiana S.S. Convention And Preachers' Meeting

February 15 to 18 was a time of inspiration and blessing to the preachers and laymen alike who attended the Sunday-school convention and preachers' meeting. Seventy-five pastors were present, many Sunday-school superintendents, and a good showing of laymen.

Rev. Mark Hamilton, the district church school board chairman, had the convention well in hand with a wonderful program. Those who heard Miss Mary Latham will never be the same. Many are saying, "She gave us the best Sunday-school convention Southwest Indiana has ever had."

Our preachers' meeting opened Wednesday evening with our good and efficient district superintendent, Rev. Leo C. Davis, presiding. The pastors and people of the district look to Brother Davis with great confidence and respect for his godly life and good work. We feel he does the work of a district superintendent.

Dr. H. C. Powers spoke Wednesday evening, three times Thursday,

and Friday morning. His rich messages of gospel truth, along with the wealth of his personal experience, inspired and challenged everyone. We feel no finer team could have been obtained than Miss Mary Latham and Dr. Hardy C. Powers.

The district has a beautiful spirit of unity, and purposes to move forward for God and souls.

The convention and preachers' meeting was held in First Church, Terre Haute, Indiana.

CLYDE MONTGOMERY, Reporter

India District Camp Meeting

The revival in India goes on, and we praise God for the victories He gave during the annual Jungle Camp Meeting. In a mango grove just across a stream from the little village of Kelwad, about halfway between Chikhli and Buldana, this meeting was held February 22 to 27. These six days were truly days of blessing as God poured out His Spirit upon us, and as He talked to us through His messengers, Rev. Bronnell Greer and Rev. Earl Lee. No one could doubt that they were God's chosen men for the occasion. Brother Greer brought the morning messages from Hebrews, and through these messages the Epistle to the Hebrews became alive to our Indian people. The messages of the evening were direct from God through Brother Lee. He preached with power and unction such as I have never before seen—it was as if one of the prophets of old were standing before us giving out the Word of God.

In this country where women are kept in the background it was thrilling to see our Christian women step out, almost "en-masse," and go forward for the Lord. Our women are beginning to feel the burden for revival and are doing something about it. My heart was touched one night as I witnessed a scene around the altar when almost everyone had gone. A preacher's wife had come to the altar with a need, and kneeling around her praying for her were five other preachers' wives and eight laywomen. Yes, our women have taken up the torch, but not only the preachers' wives; our laywomen too are ready to carry it forth.

The men and women were divided up separately into small groups which met for an hour each afternoon under the shade of some mango tree, or in some other convenient spot. These times of prayer and fellowship as God's Word was given to them proved to be a great help and blessing to many.

We were privileged to have visitors with us from two other missions. Eighteen nationals and one missionary came from the Poona and Indian Village Mission about five hundred miles away. Six nationals came from the Zenana Bible and Medical Mission in Nasik, about two hundred fifty miles from here. Several of them went forward sometime during the week, and they all testified to new victory in Christ. They went back home with

their torches burning brightly to carry revival to another part of India.

The missionaries met in Kelwad on February 19 for a few days of prayer and fellowship in preparation for camp. The Lord met with us in a special way. Testimonies of how the Lord has led and dealt since we last met together as a group were a real means of blessing and of drawing us more closely together in that beautiful oneness in Him.

The devil doesn't like revival and he is trying hard to defeat it; but our

Christ is the Victor. We'll never know how many tricks of the enemy were foiled through the power of prayer during this camp meeting alone. We could hear the grumblings of Satan around here and there, so we knew he was on hand; but we also saw the faces and heard the testimonies of the newborn, and our faith was strengthened. God was, is, and ever shall be victorious—and revival fires continue to burn in India!

ESTHER HOWARD, Reporter

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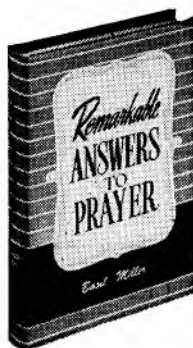
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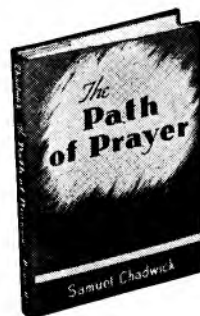
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Crusade for Souls Conference Northwestern Illinois District

The Crusade for Souls Now conference on Northwestern Illinois District the first week of March will not be forgotten. The sessions were held in the beautiful new church at Sterling, Illinois. It was dedicated by Dr. H. C. Powers just the day before our conference started. It is one of the finest church plants that we have in

the Middle West. Rev. Harry Hatton and his people have done a wonderful job.

Dr. Hardy Powers, our senior general superintendent, and Dr. S. T. Ludwig, our general church secretary, brought some of the best messages I have ever heard. The Spirit of the Lord was with us. Rev. R. T. Williams, Jr., was to be one of the workers but was unable to attend.

Everywhere on our district there is a new desire to win the lost to Christ. Churches are making surveys and having regular nights of visitation.

During the month of April we are having a district-wide, simultaneous revival effort—every congregation at the same time doing something to promote a revival in its church. Nights of prayer, weeks of visitation, week-end meetings, everything that can be done to revive our people!

During the weeks before Easter we had a "Be a Topper" Sunday-school drive. Every Sunday school beat its former Sunday attendance goals, also the church ahead of it in attendance on the district. Brother Ed. Ferguson, church school chairman, and C. E. Fleshman organized every school—even to every Sunday-school class—for this drive. Last week 8,460 contacts were made by the schools.

Pray for us as we press forward in the battle to win souls in Northwestern Illinois.

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Southern California District Sunday-School Convention

The Sunday-school convention of the Southern California District was held March 1 and 2 in the San Diego University Avenue Church. Chairman William Howard led the convention in a program that inspired, instructed, and challenged the Sunday-school workers from each church on the district. The special speaker, Rev. Kenneth Rice, from Oklahoma City, brought to the convention practical helps in the work of the Sunday school.

One of the high lights of the convention was the honoring of one who had been in every summer boys' camp since the program started twenty years ago. Rev. Jesse Wooton had been the director of both the boys' and girls' camp program for the last several years. His heavy program in the local church forced him to resign the camp work. A resolution passed by the District Church School Board was read and a ship clock was presented to him in appreciation of his work with the boys and girls of our district.

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as much time reading these fine magazines as I would like to have, but one of the group accompanied me on every maneuver and field exercise, as well as in garrison, and that was *Come Ye Apart. Come Ye Apart* and my Bible are both well worn and underscored from daily use. The combination of reading and devotion was a continual source of strength and inspiration during the many dark hours of loneliness and trial."

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DEATHS

REV. LESTER B. SMITH

LESTER B. SMITH, pastor of the church at Newport News, Virginia, died October 22, 1954. He was born May 23, 1886; was united in marriage to Intha Delona McCraw of Cowpens, South Carolina, June 30, 1912, and to this union were born ten children, two of whom preceded him to glory. In his early childhood he was saved. At the age of nineteen he was sanctified and called to preach. He then united with the Wesleyan Methodist church and served for several years as professor and president of the Wesleyan Methodist College at Central, South Carolina. In 1924 he united with the Church of the Nazarene and was placed on the faculty of Olivet College, where he spent eleven years teaching Greek and philosophy. There in the classroom he taught, prayed, and wept with his students; and from that group came men and women who have filled great spiritual positions in this country and several different mission fields abroad. He had his master's degree from Wofford College, Spartanburg, South Carolina; did graduate work at Vanderbilt University and the University of Chicago. In 1939 he, with his family, moved to Charlottesville, Virginia, starting a home missionary church. The last move was to Newport News in 1942. Here he built a beautiful annex in the heart of the city and lived to see it paid for, with an increase of 100 members, starting with 7. The Lord had prospered him financially and spiritually in the past few years and his last days were his happiest ones. His benevolent giving to the local and general church that he loved so much was well over \$3,000.00 the last year of his life. He preached his last message about ten days before his home-going from the text, "Obey my voice," giving his own experience. His going was sudden and glorious; he simply fell asleep. The funeral was carried out according to plans he had written out several years ago. A short service was held in the church at Newport News. Rev. M. Richard Jones, pastor of Norfolk First Church and one of his former students of Olivet College, spoke briefly. His body was then taken to Cowpens, South Carolina, and the funeral was held in the Baptist church, where he was saved when a child. His children loved their father and with loyalty to him and at his request took charge of the funeral. Emily, his oldest daughter, played his favorite hymns while his body lay in state. John, the oldest son, sang "Amazing Grace." Timothy and Samuel, the preacher sons, spoke from appropriate scripture, paying tribute to the man that had suffered to sustain their bodies and guide their feet in a heavenly direction. The quartet of sons sang beautifully. Rev. James L. Colloff offered the prayer. Then the six sons bore his body to the last resting place, where at his request there had already been a stone placed with only this inscription, "Holiness unto the Lord." Left to occupy till He comes are a loving wife, six sons, two daughters, and eighteen grandchildren.

RALPH E. BARTON, age eleven years and six months, was born June 10, 1943, in Toledo, Ohio, and died December 10, 1954. Ralph was an active, normal boy until he took ill in October of 1953. After his illness had finally been diagnosed as a malignant brain tumor, he underwent surgery at the Cleveland Clinic Hospital on January 4, 1954. After his recovery from the operation, symptoms recurred last summer necessitating deep therapy X-ray treatments. Enabled to return to school last September, Ralph seemed to have been touched of the Lord through these treatments. About the first of December, the malignancy again caused symptoms which became severe, bringing about his home-going. He is survived by his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Edward S. Barton, pastor and wife of First Church of the Nazarene, Youngstown, Ohio; a sister, Mrs. Paul W. Cleckner, Youngstown, Ohio; maternal grandfather, Mr. Frank S. Goodwin, East Liverpool, Ohio; and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Barton, of Sebring, Ohio. Funeral services were held in his home church with Rev. C. D. Taylor, district superintendent, bringing the message and Rev. O. L. Benedum reading scripture and leading in prayer. Interment was made in Riverview Cemetery, East Liverpool, Ohio.

SAMUEL J. BROWN died at his home in Louisville, Kentucky, November 21, 1954, in his eighty-seventh year. He had retired and moved to Louisville about ten years ago. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ruby Eskridge Brown; a daughter, Mrs. Jesse Raymer; two sons, Stanley of Atlanta, and Rev. Samuel R. Brown, Nazarene pastor in Louisville; also three sisters and nine grandchildren. Funeral service was held in a funeral home, with burial in Bethany Cemetery, Valley Station.

MRS. SARAH HOOD WILSON was born February 23, 1871, in Marion, Illinois, and died January 31, 1954, at Pasadena, California. Early in her life, her father, a Methodist minister, moved his large family to the state of Kentucky. In this state Sarah Wilson (nee Ragsdale) attended the schools of the state, later becoming a teacher. At the age of twenty-six she was married to Rev. W. C. Wilson, then a Methodist evangelist. Rev. W. C. Wilson was an eloquent and powerful preacher of second-blessing holiness and served a number of years as an evangelist in many states. In the year 1905 he and his family moved to Southern California, uniting with the then young but vigorous Church of the Nazarene. Brother Wilson served pastorates at Long Beach, Pasadena, and Upland. In 1910 he was elected superintendent of the Southern California District, where he served until his election to the general superintendency in 1916. In this capacity he served but a few months, being called to his reward after a short illness. Mrs. Wilson lived a beautiful and exemplary life, residing in Pasadena since the home-going of her husband. She is survived by her sons: Mallalieu A. Wilson, Nampa, Idaho; Dr. Willard Wilson, Honolulu, T.H.; Rev. Guy L. Wilson, Brunswick, Maine; daughters: Deborah Grobe, Grand Ledge, Michigan; Janet Runquist, Green Valley Lake, California; eighteen grandchildren, and thirty great-grandchildren. Preceding her in death are her daughters: Hallie Franklin, Bertha Mae Lillenas, and Ruth Orrin. The funeral services were conducted by a former pastor, Rev. U. E. Harding. She was laid to rest in the beautiful Mountain View Cemetery in Pasadena.

MRS. MABEL NORMAN, a charter member of the Church of the Nazarene in Handley, West Virginia, died August 30 in a New Jersey hospital after a long illness. She was born in Fayette County, West Virginia, in 1898. She was the mother of eight children. Funeral services were conducted in the Handley church by Rev. John Hancock, pastor, and Rev. Mont Carr.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOMMENDATION—Rev. Jess Rains has recently resigned his pastorate at Muleshoe, Texas, to enter the field of evangelism, and it is my pleasure to heartily recommend him. Brother Rains has served as a splendid pastor in several pastorates on our district and on other districts for many years, and is well qualified in pastoral experience to serve as a capable evangelist; he will prove a blessing wherever he may be called. Brother Rains has a wonderful spirit and a burden for the lost. Write him at his new address, 3015 N.E. 13th Street, Amarillo, Texas.—Orville W. Jenkins, Superintendent of Abilene District.

WEDDING BELLS—Miss Vivian E. Hess and Mr. James L. Stilwell, both of Kansas City, Missouri, were united in marriage on March 27, at First Church of the Nazarene in Kansas City, with the pastor, Dr. A. Milton Smith, officiating.

BORN—to Rev. and Mrs. Donald R. Keith of Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, a son, Douglas Robert, on March 26.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Paul E. Simpson of Walnut Creek, California, a daughter, Marcia Louise, on February 21.

—to Dick and Geneva (Smith) Cooney of San Diego, California, a daughter, Sharon Aletha, on February 16.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Harlan Shippy of Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri, a daughter, Shelley Dawn, on February 9.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a reader in Pennsylvania for the reconciliation of two church members, for a personal problem, and another unspoken request;

by a mother in Oregon for her son and his wife, that they may give their hearts to the Lord—they are on the verge of divorce and need God so much;

for a young wife, that God may undertake in a critical home situation;

for a reader in Saskatchewan, that God will help her physically, as she has been ill with heart trouble; that her daughter will stand for God; and that her husband and son may get back to God—she needs help spiritually, that she may be strong to carry the burden, and they need a revival in their church;

by a pastor in Ohio for the husband of a lady who has recently gotten to God—he is helping the church financially but needs God in his heart and life.



Cpl. Donald R. Fitzgerald writes:

"As the day of my departure from Korea draws near, I get more and more anxious to see my home and my parents again, as well as the wonderful folks in my home church, the Shields Church of the Nazarene in Oklahoma City. It seems ages since I left home, but through all these months your faithfulness in sending the publications of the church has meant more to me than words can express. Every issue of the *HERALD OF HOLINESS*, the *Other Sheep*, and *Conquest* has been just like a visit in the church services back home.

"I have been attending the services in the Nazarene mission on Sunday afternoons, and my heart has been blessed over and over again to see the Koreans seem so interested in learning of God's Word. Just this afternoon, after the service had ended, the query was put forth as to whether or not there were any suggestions to be made that would improve the service so that it might be of greater value to the people, and the only suggestion offered was the immediate reply, 'Can't you teach us two hours, instead of the usual hour and a half?' While I have had a chance to take only a small part in the services, I was overjoyed to see that the interest was so great. There were approximately thirty people present this afternoon, with about seven GI's, most of whom were Nazarenes, in that number.

"In closing, I would say again, 'Thanks a million,' and I wish to leave with you my testimony. I know I am a Christian, and realize it is greatly because of your work, the prayers and interest of my parents and the folks in my home church that I can say that. I only want to use these two years I have spent in the service as a steppingstone to better things, and want to be drawn closer to God, that He might use me in any way He sees fit in the future."

Pfc. Harold W. Spencer writes:

"As my period of service in the U.S. Army nears completion, I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the periodicals which I have been receiving regularly these past two years. I have not been privileged to spend

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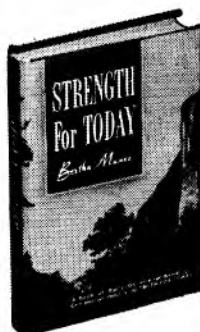
San Antonio May 4 and 5
Abilene May 11 to 13
Los Angeles May 25 to 27
Rocky Mountain June 2 and 3
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AKRON—Assembly, May 4 to 6, at the Christian Church, Cleveland Avenue (Route 8) and Fourth Street, S.W., Canton, Ohio. Entertaining pastor: Rev. D. D. Palmer, 1301 N.W. Tenth Street. (Send mail and items relating to the assembly % Rev. D. D. Palmer, P.O. Box 125, Canton.) Dr. Samuel Young presiding.

ALBANY—Assembly, May 11 and 12, at Niagara Falls First Church of the Nazarene, 91st at Read, Niagara Falls, N.Y. Entertaining pastor: Rev. Paul S. Gilmore, 1013 91st Street, Niagara Falls, N.Y. Dr. D. I. Vanderpool presiding.

WASHINGTON PACIFIC—Assembly, May 11 and 12, at First Church of the Nazarene, 4401 N.E. Second Avenue, Seattle, Washington. Entertaining pastor: Rev. Roy J. Yelder, 8010 N.E. 23rd Avenue. (Send mail and other items relating to the assembly % Rev. Arthur B. Cook, 7024 N.E. 36th Avenue, Seattle.) Dr. Hardy C. Powers presiding.

IDAHO-OREGON—Assembly, May 11 to 13, at College Church of the Nazarene, 504 Dewey Avenue, Nampa, Idaho. Entertaining pastor: Rev. Eugene Stowe, 411 Ivy Street. (Send mail and items relating to the assembly % College Church of the Nazarene, 504 Dewey Avenue, Nampa.) Dr. Samuel Young presiding.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA—Assembly, May 11 to 13, at "Beulah Park" campground, 100 Beulah Park Drive, Route 4, Santa Cruz, California (two miles east of Santa Cruz on the Los Gatos Hi-way, No. 17). Entertaining pastor, Rev. J. Paul Alexander, 4210 Gladys Ave., Santa Cruz. (Send mail and items relating to the assembly % C. W. Morrill, 100 Beulah Park Drive, Route 4, Santa Cruz, California. Dr. G. B. Williamson presiding.

NORTHWEST—Assembly, May 18 and 19, at the First Church of the Nazarene, 121 East "B" St., Yakima, Washington. Entertaining pastor: Rev. J.

Paul Downey, 804 South 16th Avenue. (Send mail and other items relating to the assembly % Rev. J. Paul Downey, 121 East "B" St., Yakima.) Dr. Samuel Young presiding.

OREGON PACIFIC—Assembly, May 18 to 20, at First Church of the Nazarene, Center at 13th, Salem, Oregon. Entertaining pastor: Rev. Wm. F. Clay, 1504 Jefferson Avenue. (Send mail and other items relating to the assembly % this address.) Dr. Hardy C. Powers presiding.

ARIZONA—Assembly, May 19 and 20, at First Church of the Nazarene, 119 N. Highland Ave., Tucson, Arizona. Entertaining pastor: Rev. J. Erben Moore, Jr., 119 N. Highland Ave., Tucson. (Send mail and other items relating to the assembly % Church of the Nazarene, 119 N. Highland Ave., Tucson.) Dr. G. B. Williamson presiding.

FLORIDA—Assembly, May 25 and 26, at the Presbyterian Church, 600 N.W. 6th Street (on Hi-way 17), Winter Haven, Florida. Entertaining pastor: Rev. Don L. Newell, 235 S.W. "F" Ave. (Send mail and other items relating to assembly % this address.) Dr. D. I. Vanderpool presiding.

NEVADA-UTAH—Assembly, May 25 and 26, at First Church of the Nazarene, 231 East 6th Street, Reno, Nevada. Entertaining pastor: Rev. M. G. Bassett, 231 East 6th Street. (Send mail and other items relating to assembly % this address.) Dr. Hardy C. Powers presiding.

NEW MEXICO—Assembly, May 25 and 26, at First Church of the Nazarene, Spruce and Lead Avenue, S.E., Albuquerque, New Mexico (night services will be held in the Central Methodist Church, 215 Pine Avenue, N.E.). Entertaining pastor: Rev. Carleton G. Ponsford, 1215 Lead Avenue, S.E. (Send mail and other items relating to assembly % this address.) Dr. G. B. Williamson presiding.

LOS ANGELES—Assembly, May 25 to 27, at Breese Avenue Church of the Nazarene, 1480 E. Washington St., Pasadena, California. Entertaining pastor: Dr. J. George Taylorson, 1480 E. Washington St. (Send mail and other items relating to the assembly % Dr. Taylorson, 1480 E. Washington St., Pasadena, California.) Dr. Hugh C. Benner presiding.